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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

TYPE OF DECLARATION

This declaration is for a national stage of PCT application.

INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below, next to my name. I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (*if only one name is listed below*) or an original, first and joint inventor (*if plural names are listed below*) of the subject matter that is claimed, and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

TITLE OF INVENTION

IMPROVED RAMIE

SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION

The specification was filed on June 2, 1999, as Serial No. 09/319,197.

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information, which is material to patentability as defined in 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56, and which is material to the examination of this application, namely, information where there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable Examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent, and in compliance with this duty, there is attached an information disclosure statement, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98.

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**PRIOR PCT APPLICATION(S) FILED WITHIN 12 MONTHS
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(35 U.S.C. § 119(e))**

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PROVISIONAL APPLICATION NUMBER

60/032,203

FILING DATE

12/02/1996

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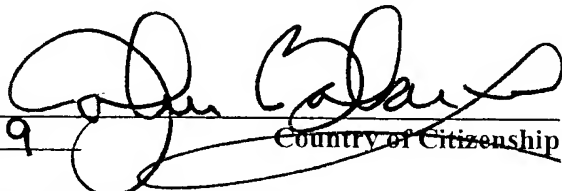
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Attorney's Docket No. 6350-2-PRV

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Serial or Patent No.: 60/032,203
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ADDRESS OF CONCERN 201 S. 8th Street, Suite 107
Naples, FL 33940

I hereby declare that the above identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 CFR 121.3-18, and reproduced in 37 CFR 1.9(d), for purposes of paying reduced fees under Section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal years of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal years, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third-party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

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by inventor(s) John L. Baker

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- ☐ the specification filed herewith.
☒ provisional application serial no. 60/032,203, filed 2 December 1996.
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